

***For additional resources on drug related behaviors:**

TOGETHER! Community Prevention Organization
www.thurstontogether.org/Pubs/Parenting/Meth_fa.pdf

National Institute on Drug Abuse
www.drugabuse.gov

****For additional resources on signs of a drug lab:**

The M Files: Meth and Marijuana Resource Tool
www.mfiles.org

If you suspect a meth lab on your property contact:

Local Law Enforcement

Anonymous Meth Hotline
1-888-609-6384

For more copies, please contact:
Washington State Department of Health
Office of Environmental Health & Safety
Local Health Support Section
P.O. Box 47825
Olympia, WA 98504-7825
1-888-586-9427

Or visit our Web site:
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Preventing Drug Labs on Your Property

Tips for Landlords



**Small changes can
protect your investment**

The Costs are Huge

When drug criminals operate out of rental property, owners pay a high price...

- Loss of rent
- Civil penalties
- Damaged property
- Decline in property values
- Dangerous, threatening tenants
- Resentful and angry neighbors
- Loss of valued tenants

FACTS: Over half of residential drug labs are found on rental property.

Property owners are responsible for decontamination costs.

Decontamination costs average \$6500 for a 1200 sq. ft. home.

Small Changes Prevent Big Problems

At the time of rental application, take these easy steps...

- Ensure application is complete
- Conduct background check for:
 - Rental history Employment history
 - Credit report Criminal background
- Meet every adult moving into the unit and require picture identification
- Be aware of applicant's appearance and behaviors*

Visit your property often and watch for signs of a drug lab...

- Excessive garbage, specific to making meth**
- Blackened windows or drawn curtains
- Frequent visitors at all hours
- Paranoid/odd behavior
- Extensive security
- Chemical odors



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